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Celebrating the Revolution at Jackson's historic depot

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Chamber of Commerce

Photos by Ken Wyatt

Mayor Daniel Mahoney prepares to cut the ribbon after the ceremonial opening of the exhibit to public viewing in the historic Jackson Depot. He is surrounded by members of the historical society board and, to his right, by Amtrak's Marc Magliari.

You couldn't have spotted Paul Revere among those gathered Tuesday morning at Jackson's 1873 Jackson Depot. His cries that "The British are coming" have long ago faded as a part of the rich history of the American Revolution. But 40 or so current citizens of these United States of America did gather at the depot for a Jackson County celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolution.

It was a ribbon-cutting ceremony sponsored by the Jackson County Michigan Historical Society and hosted by Amtrak, owner of historic depot. Indeed, shortly into the brief ceremony, Amtrak made its authority known as a passenger train arrived from Chicago, enroute to Detroit. And if you've not heard an Amtrak train arrive at the depot, it is not something you can fail to notice.

As Maurice Imhoff, society president, explained to those gathered, the county has more links to the Revolution than most people realize. As he spoke, he was surrounded by graphic variations on that theme.

The society has prepared an exhibit that features a series of banners, signs and digital kiosks. They present a number of society-written summaries of county links to the revolution.

Linda Hass, society vice president, went into more detail with examples of some of those links. For example: There are at least 22 veterans of the Revolution interred in Jackson County cemeteries. One of those - David McGee - brought his love of freedom to Concord, where his son Thomas and grandson Melville both participated in the underground railroad, helping fugitive slaves to freedom in the pre-Civil War days.

One of the banners highlights the presence of the tribes in the years before Jackson County was settled, and long before the Spirit of '76. Another highlights the presence of trees that were here 250 years ago - and longer.

There were links to the Revolution in the mass gathering under the oaks of anti-slavery citizens in 1854 - a meeting that produced the Republican Party and eventually Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator.

Those and many other links touch on railroad history, women's roles and many other aspects of local history and how its roots are in the revolution.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer sent an emissary to the gathering with a message of support for the effort. After all, the historical society's exhibit is being funded by a grant through the America250 Michigan organization.

From Amtrak's Chicago offices, Marc Magliari, public relations manager/spokesperson, told the group how unique Jackson has been. Of all the Amtrak depots, Jackson's is the only one he knows of where local people got a state historical sign placed. Magliari was at the dedication of that sign in May of 2023.

Finally, Jackson Mayor Daniel Mahoney gave the city's blessing to the gathering. In his brief talk, he pointed out that history can be a point of unity in an era when people with disparate political beliefs don't talk with each other, they talk past each other.

"History is a reminder that we belong to each other," he said. Earlier, on entering the depot, he told this reporter of his own memories of taking a train from Jackson to Chicago.

The mayor did the honors of cutting the oversized ribbon, making the exhibit both ceremonially and officially open for visitors.

As visitors strolled around the depot looking at the various exhibit signs, many discussions took place - often about the depot itself.

A grandfather and his grandson found themselves discussing an old question that the families of 1776 must have pondered: "Which way do we go - with the rebels ... or the King?" Indeed, it was a question that separated Ben Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers, and his son William, who was exiled to England during the war.

According to the society, "The installation will remain on view through December 2026, offering residents, students, and visitors an opportunity to explore how our community has shaped — and continues to shape — the nation's ongoing pursuit of liberty, justice, and a more perfect union."

The depot's office/passenger waiting area is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. There is limited public parking along the depot and along E. Michigan Avenue.

Jackson County Historical Society President Maurice Imhoff and Marc Magliari, public relations officer at Amtrak's Chicago office await the start of the event amid the signs of the Revolution's exhibit.

Jackson police department gives away 500 hams

Courtesy photos

The Jackson Police Department had another successful Holiday Ham Giveaway. They partnered with Garcia Labs as well as Walmart & Polly's Country Market.

Jackson police officer receives 2025 Outstanding Rookie award from MADD

City of Jackson Police Officer Jean-Claude Soloman was recognized by MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) as the 2025 Outstanding Rookie for the entire state of Michigan for his efforts in getting drunk drivers off of our city streets.

Courtesy photos

Santa comes to Concord

Photo by Kara DeChalk

Santa visited with children at Concord's Christmas Corner on Saturday, Dec. 6 after the town's inaugural Hometown Holiday Parade.

ADPS seeks man after a stabbing incident

Dustin Javas Kuiper

The Albion Department of Public Safety is seeking information and assistance with locating Philip Jacob Young, 38, of Albion. He is described as 5 feet 10 inches tall weighing 250 pounds.

Young has a valid Felony warrant for his arrest for Assault with Intent to Murder in relation to a stabbing incident that happened on Dec. 13. in the 600 Block of Sycamore St. in Albion. Upon arrival, officers located a victim with multiple stab wounds who was transported to a hospital and is expected to recover.

In a press release ADPS noted that anyone knowingly or willfully concealing or harboring Philip Young from lawful custody may be criminally charged for their actions. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Lazarus at 517-629-7854 or Silent Observer at 517-629-2700.

Albion man charged with two counts of CSC

Dustin Javas Kuiper

According to a press release from the Albion Department of Public Safety, Dustin Javas Kuiper, a 43-year-old Albion man, was placed into custody on Dec. 15 after a month-long investigation into a Criminal Sexual Conduct complaint.

Kuiper was arraigned Dec. 16 in Calhoun County 10th District Court in Battle Creek on three counts of CSC 1st Degree and one count of CSC 2nd Degree.

"ADPS understands how extremely difficult it is for victims to report sexual abuse and would like to acknowledge the courage and strength that was demonstrated during this investigation" said the release.

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Concord village budget: Fund totals for the old and new year

By KEN WYATT
Contributing Writer

At its December meeting, Concord Village Council members approved a 2026 budget it had reviewed at a special meeting on Nov. 25.

A budget is constantly changing depending on the ebb and flow of revenues and expenses. The village treasurer's budget report, calculated for Dec. 31, gives the 2026 general fund balance as $760,998.60 for the beginning of the year. A year earlier, the beginning fund balance was $697,710.

The general fund, however, is only one of several village funds. The other fund balances going into 2026 are: Major Streets, $291,947.50; Local Streets, $249,238.70; Fire Fund, $145,106.40; Sewer Fund, $857,566; and Water Fund, $2,617,923.90.

To those balances, there is the budget category of fixed assets, which are listed as $1,963,145.10. Altogether, the total fund balances plus fixed assets are $6,885,876.10.

Village President Jeremy Bush has again prepared an analysis of the budget for the coming year. It is both a retrospect of 2025 and a look into the budget needs for 2026.

Bush's report is upbeat, as this summary sentence indicates: "As the 2025 fiscal year nears its end, the Village of Concord still remains financially sound as all accounts the village has complete financial control over will have over $225,000+ in fund balance found in them."

Looking back at 2025, Bush says the decision was made not to complete all the projects originally planned for the year. The intent was to replenish fund balances that had been depleted in most fund accounts.

There were unforeseen expenses, one that arose from the loss of a longtime tenant of the east apartment above the Village Office. The apartment was renovated at a cost of $45,000 - new windows, bathroom, replacement of flooring, a paint job, air conditioning and siding on the back of the building.

There were other expenses that drew down the water and sewer fund balances. These and others are itemized in Bush's four-page report.

Looking ahead into 2026, the General Fund will be tapped for replacement of the Community Center parking lot, plus updating the center's appliances and having the Paddock Lake Park Boat Launch area surveyed.

Other projects include the ongoing Well One project off of Michigan Street and the continued replacement of the worst sidewalks in Concord.

Here's how Bush saw the budget going into the New Year:

"When looking at the expenses we have spent thus far from our 2025 budget and comparing them to proposed 2026 expenses, our General Fund and Major Streets Fund will continue to save substantial funds to be used in the future. Our Water Fund expenses will see an increase with the new Well One on Michigan Street, slated for completion in 2026 at a cost of $200,000+. Within our Local Street Fund, we are expecting a rise in expenses of about $40,000 associated with the continued completion of the sidewalk replacement project. Our Sewer Fund expenses will see an increase of $60,000 associated with the continuation of the program of replacing residents' indoor grinder pumps with new sewer grinder pumps placed in outside housing units."

Copies of the budget are available on request at the Village Office.

Photo by Ken Wyatt

Concord Village offices. The lower floor to the left is where the clerk, treasurer and others handle village business. The lower floor to the right is where the village council meets to conduct its meetings. The upper floors are the apartments the village rents out.

Calhoun County man sentenced following conviction on child sexually abusive material charges

Kevin Theodore Wilson

According to a press release from The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Kevin Theodore Wilson, 42, who was convicted in October on multiple felony counts related to the possession and aggravated possession of child sexually abusive material has been sentenced.

Calhoun County Circuit Court, Judge Hallacy sentenced Wilson on Dec. 15 to the Michigan Department of Corrections as follows:

- Counts 1, 2, 3, and 5: 10–15 years, with 62 days of credit.
- Count 4 (Using a Computer to Commit a Crime): 28 months to 15 years, to be served consecutively to Count, meaning this sentence must be served before the remaining sentences begin.

Counts 1 and 4 are ordered to run consecutively.

Judge Hallacy described the case as "a unique and distinct, disturbing, deviant, and perverted case" that stands out in his 40 years on the bench.

The conviction concludes an investigation that began in September 2019, when Calhoun County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a residence on 27 Mile Road in Sheridan Township for a reported domestic dispute. During that investigation, deputies developed information indicating that Wilson was in possession of child sexually abusive material.

A search warrant resulted in the seizure of several electronic devices belonging to Wilson. A forensic examination conducted by the Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit uncovered approximately 215,000 flagged files of confirmed child sexually abusive material, and more than 300,000 additional images, consisting of diagrams and pictures indicative of potential CSAM.

Combined, the materials accounted for multiple terabytes of data. This is Wilson's second conviction involving child sexually abusive material.

Following his arrest, Wilson mounted a series of legal challenges. In both 2021 and 2023, he contested the admissibility of digital evidence; however, the Michigan Court of Appeals and later the Michigan Supreme Court rejected his arguments, allowing the case to proceed to trial.

A two-day jury trial began on Oct. 14. The jury deliberated for just 17 minutes before returning guilty verdicts on all counts. Wilson was convicted of three counts of Possession of Child Sexually Abusive Material, one count of Using a Computer to Commit a Crime, one count of Aggravated Possession of Child Sexually Abusive Material, and Habitual Offender, Second Offense Notice

"This case shows the determination of our deputies, detectives, and partners who spent years ensuring the evidence was preserved and presented in court," stated Calhoun County Sheriff Steve Hinkley. "Child exploitation crimes leave lifelong scars, and we will continue to devote every resource necessary to hold offenders accountable and protect the most vulnerable members of our community."

The Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office also recognized the scope and seriousness of the investigation. "The Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office has attorneys specifically trained in child sexually abusive material prosecutions as well as human trafficking, which, unfortunately, are many times inter-related," stated Prosecuting Attorney David Gilbert. "The time and effort of the officers and detectives involved in this case made it possible for justice to be done."

The Sheriff's Office also acknowledged the partnership of the Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit, whose forensic expertise was critical in analyzing the substantial volume of digital evidence.

Jackson police recover stolen merchandise worth over $50,000

City of Jackson Police Trent Officer Marcum investigated a retail fraud complaint from a local store where over $8,000 worth of merchandise was stolen.

He was able to identify the suspect and determined he had also stolen from several other stores across the state.

The JPD Detective Bureau continued the investigation and executing a search warrant on the suspect's residence in Eaton County.

Well over $50,000 of stolen property was recovered.

Photos courtesy of City of Jackson Police Department

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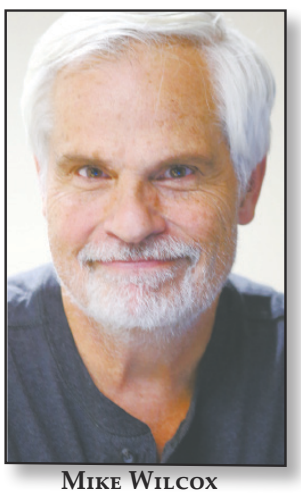
Mike's Musings

We Need The Good News of Christmas



Mike Wilcox
Publisher

I was searching for words that would express an uplifting spirit this Christmas season. Too many of us, myself included, consider the holiday season to be a distraction rather than a time to rejoice. Well, my friend, Glenn Mollette happened to send me this piece while I was searching and lo and behold, after reading, I came to the conclusion that this is the season for joy and thankfulness. I must partake in it, because being happy and thankful is contagious, and I would like everyone to share that happiness this holiday season. Read on and focus on good things and cast aside the bad.

Dr. Glenn Mollette, "We never get a break from bad news. In recent days we have heard of people being killed at a Hanukkah celebration in Australia. There have been more school shootings from Brown University to Kentucky State University. Russia continues to bomb Ukraine, and groceries continue to assault Americans' pocketbooks.

"Yet, at Christmas time the overriding theme is good news. In a world of so much bad news comes the holiday of good news. The angel who appeared to the Shepherds who were watching their flock said, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord," Luke 2:10-11.

"The central person of the good news is Jesus. He is the one the angels celebrated. His birth gave them reason to appear and make the wonderful announcement that brought joy to the shepherds and all who would be impacted by the birth of Jesus.

"This Christmas you are probably one of many who welcomes good news. Maybe you have buried a wife, a husband or a child. At times, the loneliness and grief are unbearable and you wonder how you will ever survive your missing loved one. People are suffering financial stress from the cost of everyday living Sickness invades our lives at one time or another impacting us or someone we love. Life is filled with stressful situations that often rob us of peace.

"The good news of Christmas is God has come in the flesh to love us, walk with us and bring joy that nothing or no one else can give. Jesus said 'My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, but give I unto you,' John 14:27.

"This Christmas there is much to focus on. You can spend your day focused on the Democrats or the Republicans. You can focus on our President or members of Congress. You can focus on all that you do not have or all that you wish you did not have. You can focus on your situation, your age, your health or you can focus on everyone else. Will this bring you joy?

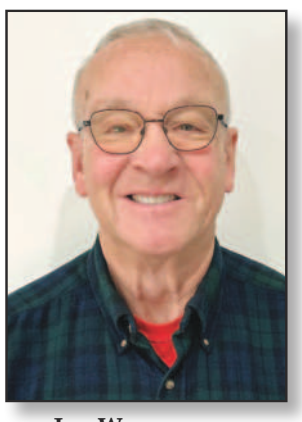
"Do not focus on regrets. Do not focus on mistakes, problems, old habits or sins. Jesus came to help us overcome all of these and more. Because of his life, death and resurrection we have a Savior who has given us every reason to look up and forward instead of down and back.

"Jesus told his disciples in John 16:33, "Take heart, I have overcome the world."

"While the media is filled with bad news, take heart, the message of Christmas is good news. Therefore, as Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." May we all be filled with the good news of the great story of Christmas."

Looking Out

Eye rolling



Jim Whitehouse
Guest Columnist

When my parents dropped me off my first day of college, I was feeling a little lost as I emptied my suitcase, made my bed and plugged in my record player. Then, the door opened and my roommate Tikins walked in.

We had never met, had never talked on the phone and knew nothing about each other.

Five minutes later, we were best of friends and have remained so ever since. We talk often and see each other frequently. Based on our duplicate senses of humor, my beloved wife Marsha and his beloved wife Linda claim that Tikins and I never graduated from 7th grade.

Every conversation we have immediately brings on laughter—from us. Not necessarily from Marsha and Linda.

I stopped at Tikin's house for a visit two days ago. Linda was hard at work at the kitchen table, cutting up green onions for whatever was on the menu for dinner that evening. Tikins and I sat nearby in the family room extension of the kitchen and immediately began laughing at each other as the topics of conversation fell rapidly from the level of what mature, well-educated gentlemen would discuss to the first day of middle school.

As each guffaw burst forth from either of us, Linda's eyes would roll. I only wish Marsha had been able to make that trip with me because watching four wife-eyes roll at a good sophomoric quip is more fun than watching two wife-eyes roll.

Tikins told me a hilarious story that involved bodily functions and I had a good loud laugh, followed by my usual admonition.

"That is so immature!" I said. "When are you going to grow up?"

He gave me a raspberry and I flashed an obscene signal at him.

"You're like a little child!" he said. "No grown man would do that. Act your age for once, will you?"

He told me a tale about—never mind. I can't repeat it here.

I laughed. Loudly. Eyes rolled in the kitchen.

I told him a story about breaking into a 15th century monastery on top of a Swiss alp and being chased out by angry monks who had taken a vow of silence and could only communicate by gesticulating.

"Hah!" he shouted. "Liar. That never happened."

"Yes it did. It's a true story."

"Just like a little kid," he muttered.

Again with the wife-eyes a'rolling.

The topics changed as fast as we could catch our breath between laughs.

We started discussing something that I can't remember and Tikins said, "You should write about that in your next column."

"Good idea!" I said. "I'll do it."

And I would if I could remember what it was.

I call Tikins on the phone as I sit down to write.

"What was it that I was going to write about today?" I ask

"How should I know," he replies. "Hey, did you hear the one about the Flamenco dancer that walks into a bar carrying a bagpipe?"

We start laughing. Marsha comes into the room.

"Who are you talking to?" she mouths.

"Tikins," I whisper. Her eyes roll.

"When will you guys ever grow up?" she says.

"Is that Marsha talking?" says Tikins over the phone.

"Yes, but she's doing more wife-eye-rolling than talking," he says.

"So is Linda," he says. "She says she wants to talk to Marsha."

We each hand our phones to our beloved wives, who talk for five minutes and hang up.

It's the only way they can stop us.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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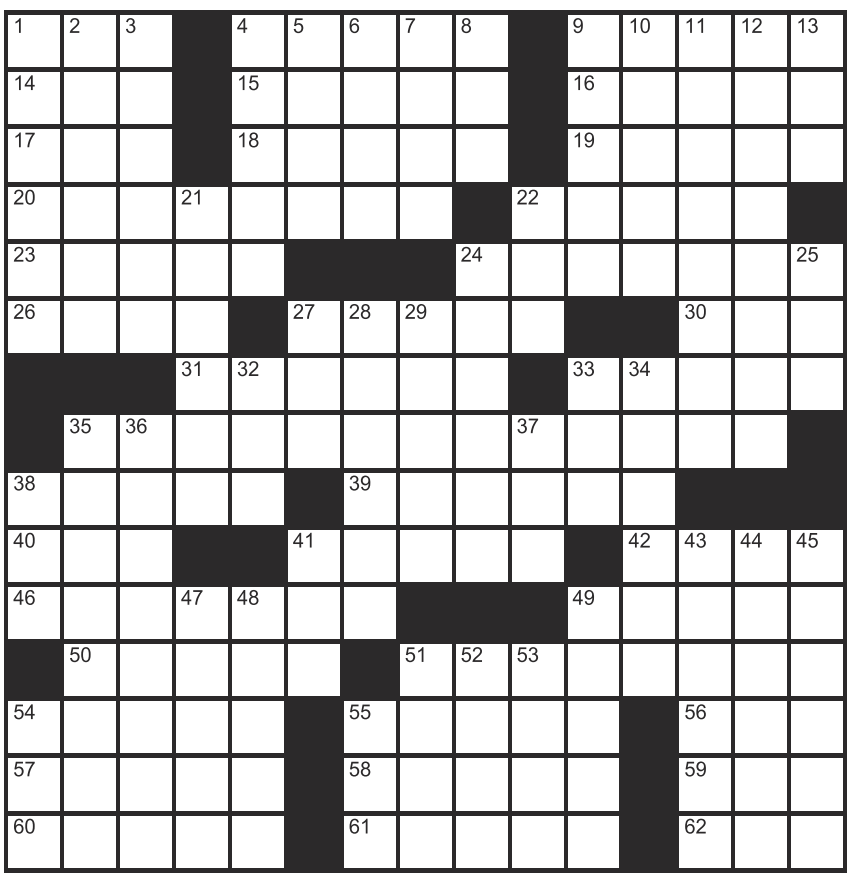

CLUES

Across
1. Costa del ___
4. Book of maps
9. Adult
14. "The Three Faces of ___"
15. Allotment
16. Give the third degree
17. Hard throw, in baseball
18. Absurd
19. OK, in a way
20. 3-sided polygon
22. Clairvoyants
23. Beside
24. Heavy loads
26. Boston suburb
27. Man with a mission
30. ?Sesame Street? watcher
31. Park, for one
33. Easy mark
35. Office Furniture (2 wds)
38. Dentist's direction
39. Hidden
40. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
41. Oblivion
42. "O, gie me the ___ that has acres o' charms": Burns
46. French for Herbarium
49. Military wear
50. Electron tube
51. Pool chemical
54. Scalawag
55. Pizazz
56. Fed. Construction overseer
57. Complimentary close
58. Postal scale unit
59. Coal carrier
60. ?You ___ kidding!?
61. Counseled
62. ?Don?t give up!?

Down
1. Relating to thin wall between nostrils
2. Too
3. Host
4. Imitating
5. Bell sound
6. Loyal
7. Clearasil target
8. "Comprende?"
9. An onlooker, starer
10. Let go
11. A spray of feathers
12. Soviet open policy
13. Addition
21. Chronicles
22. "So ___ me!"
24. Inhale
25. Chester White's home
27. Ballpoint, e.g.
28. Fisherman
29. Old gold coin
32. Compete
33. A.T.M. need
34. Elk mantelpiece
35. Emergency exit (2 wds)
36. Curiosity or interest
37. Drone, e.g.
38. "Go team!"
41. "Malcolm X" director
43. In order
44. Electric eye, e.g.
45. Unfaltering
47. Stream
48. Clarification lead-in
49. Blasé
51. Hint
52. Full house, e.g.
53. Vermin
54. Scandinavian shag rug
55. In favor of

The Adventures of Al the Albion Squirrel — **Aiden Wade**

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Holiday Open House features art and sweets

By ELIZABETH FERSZT
Contributing Writer

The Sparks, formerly known as The Commercial Exchange building on East Michigan Avenue in Jackson, held a Holiday Open House on Dec. 13. About 20 artists, creators, and makers signed up to vend and display their wares. The arts and crafts were not all holiday themed, but ample decorations around the facility made up for non-Christmasy art.

There was a small fee for vending space, which went toward support of the owners of ABC Bakery, who are struggling after a series of unfortunate health-related turns.

"The inspiration for the event was giving; we wanted to help. People love ABC Bakery, and we wanted to bring a little bit of money to them," said Cameron Meininger, chief curator of the Sparks and owner of the building.

Vendors included woodwork, textiles, metals, knitting or yarn work, painting (watercolors, acrylics, oils — framed or unframed), Christmas ornaments and other decorations; also, a pottery demonstration took place, and free coffee and hot chocolate were offered.

Photos by Elizabeth Ferszt

Jen Dixon displays her studio at the Sparks.

According to Jen Dixon, community organizer and CEO of Rose City Arts Collective, which is housed in the Sparks as well, "there are still studios and office spaces for rent available." The building has made many updates, such as to the boiler, a new power juncture box to be able to handle 220 volts, and new flooring. "Part of the beauty and challenge [of an old building] is how much updating it needs. It takes time, permits, and money," Dixon said.

Of her boss, Meininger, she added, "He has an open-vision and listens to us. We have monthly tenant meetings," where resident artists and other service providers such as a chiropractor, a barber, an aesthetician, an antiques dealer, a book seller, and a dance studio -- all contribute to the steady growth of the community and culture at the Sparks.

The Sparks also held Jackson's Favorite Sweet Maker Competition as part of the holiday open house event. Nancy Oakley, the Sparks sweets coordinator, said, "You pay $5 and then get a taste test of all samples, than then vote on your favorites."

Tammy from Sweet T's with some of her baked goods.

Tammy from Sweet T's Treats was vending two tables full of handmade, gourmet and comfort-style baked goods. "The lemon tart has the whole lemon in it: the pulp, the juice, and the zest; in both the frosting and the cake. It's my bestseller, you'll love it," she said. Although this is only their 4th crafts show ever, Sweet T's Treats will be Westwood Mall for the foster child support show this weekend.

Letter to the editor

'Twas the Night Before… An Albion Reflection

Dear Editor

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the town,
Not a soul at the college—not cap, not gown.
The dorm lights were dim, the Quad brightly lit,
While whispers of deficits crept over the hill.
The budgets were nestled in spreadsheets with challenge,
While visions of debt danced in each head.
The trustees flew in for their meeting rounds,
Then vanished like ghosts—not seen, not found.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from The Merc to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and peered through the sash.
The moon on the bricks of the downtown below
Gave luster to dreams we once used to know.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear—
But a vision of Albion from yesteryear.
With students who excelled and faculty near,
Where pride echoed year after year.
Where all faculty were mentors and standards were steep,
Where learning ran high, and tuition ran deep.
Now it's "enrollment numbers" with challenges for all,
For a liberal arts model that's lost its glow.
With debt over sixty and audits missing the mark,
We drift toward the iceberg while waving in the dark.
No blame on the captain—he steers what he's dealt,
But the Board? They were there when the ice first was felt.
Two decades of drift, of silence and spin—
With no bold plan to steady the ship from within.
We have spoken up with data, with numbers, with care—
Not to tear down, but to urge awareness, repair and share.
Yet some cried "misinformation!" and "He's out of line!"
While avoiding the ledger—the facts, the signs.
So now here we are, at the close of the year,
With shrinking resources and futures unclear.
Still I believe in the heart of our place—
The students, the community, the passion, the grace.
Let's stop pointing fingers. Let's rally together instead,
With truth on our lips and boldness in our heats.
It's not yet too late to turn toward the light,
Merry Christmas to all that is Albion—and to all, a good night.

Bill Dobbins,
Albion

The Recorder and Morning Star: Letters Policy

The Recorder and Morning Star newspapers welcome letters to the editor from our readers, but there are a few conditions with which we ask you to comply before publication will be considered.

They are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer with address and phone number provided for verification. This includes letters that are sent in by email. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence, unless the writer requests additional information be included (i.e. a job title, or name of a group the writer is affiliated with, etc.)
- Anonymous letters will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and clarity.
- Letters that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- Letters that attack a person, organization or business will not be published.
- We will not accept guest columns from candidates for public office or letters to the editor from candidates that pertain to the election. Candidates are encouraged to take out an advertisement to get their message to the voters.
- Letters to the editor supporting or opposing ballot issues will be accepted.
- The newspaper will not publish any letters to the editor that endorse or oppose a candidate for public office. For example, letters that say "vote against Candidate X" or "vote for Candidate X" will be rejected. Those wishing to place such notices in the newspaper will be asked to take out an advertisement for this purpose.
- Letters that show support or criticism for a candidate's policies are up to the editor's discretion.
- Letters that serve as a "thank you" will be published at the editor's discretion. For example, recognizing someone for returning a lost wallet or keys, or a general acknowlegement of an organization or group of people is usually acceptable, however thanking individual sponsors for supporting an event may be considered an ad.
- Please limit words to 300 count.

We prefer letters that are printed legibly or typed, double-spaced. Also, the deadline for letters to the editor is Monday at noon. Because space is limited, a letter received by noon does not necessarily guarantee its publication. Letters received after this time may be considered for that week's publication as room and time allow. We reserve the right to reject letters for any reason at any time without notice.

Send letters to: Editor, The Recorder or Editor, Morning Star PO Box 205, Concord, MI 49237 or email: therecorder@frontiernet.net

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Calhoun County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on January 8, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Marshall Spruce, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, as Mortgagor, to Citizens State Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, as Mortgagee, dated April 4, 2023, and recorded on April 13, 2023, in Book 4738 at Page 76, Calhoun County Records. The beneficial interest under the lien recorded in the official records of Calhoun County was assigned from Citizens State Bank to Sabah Capital, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, by assignment recorded on October 20, 2025, in Book 4949, Page 709, Calhoun County Records. There is claimed to be due as of November 20, 2025, the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Six and 50/100 Dollars ($1,339,476.50), and no suit or proceedings at law or equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Calhoun County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on January 8, 2026. Said premises are located in the City of Marshall, Calhoun County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: The North 64 feet of Lot 9, Block 33, Lower Village of the City of Marshall, according to the plat thereof as recorded in 3 of Plats, Page 11, Calhoun County Records. c/k/a 321 South Sycamore Street, Marshall, MI Tax ID: 13-53-000-709-00 Parcel B: The South 68 feet of Lot 9, Block 33, Lower Village of the City of Marshall, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in 3 of plats, Page 11, Calhoun County Records. c/k/a 420 West Spruce St., Marshall, MI Tax ID: 13-53-000-709-01 The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale referred to above, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the purchaser who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period in accordance with MCL 600.3278 or as otherwise provided by law. TO ALL PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing Mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE: ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: November 20, 2025. Firm Name: Law Offices Aaron D. Cox, 23820 Eureka, Taylor, MI 48180. Firm Phone Number: (734)287-3664 November 20, 2025
(11-28)(12-19)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Calhoun County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 8, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Josh Byrd, a single man and Lindsay C. Hollenbeck, a single woman, as joint tenants
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee on Behalf for CSMC 2018-RPL12 Trust
Date of Mortgage: July 5, 2007
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 10, 2007
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $71,949.99
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 2, Block 1, Post's 2nd Addition to Battle Creek, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 6, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Calhoun County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 98 Cliff St, Battle Creek, MI 49014-4302
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: November 28, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(11-28)(12-19)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Calhoun County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on January 22, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Victoria English to Ruoff Mortgage Company, Inc. dated January 13, 2022 and recorded January 25, 2022 in Liber 4625 at Page 689, Calhoun County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $130,674.01. Said premises are located in Calhoun County, Michigan and are described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, COUNTY OF CALHOUN, STATE OF MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 51, CAINE'S 2ND ADDITION TO BATTLE CREEK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 12, CALHOUN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as: 119 Caine Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014 Tax ID No. 1500-00-066-0 Said property is commonly known as 119 Caine St, Battle Creek, MI 49014. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: December 1, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-32519
(12-05)(12-26)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CALHOUN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 8, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Starlett Cousino, an unmarried woman, whose address is 174 Battle Creek Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan 49037, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Financial Resources, LLC, being a mortgage dated March 28, 2024, and recorded on April 8, 2024 in Liber 4814 Page 0464, Calhoun County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 8, 2025 and recorded on October 8, 2025 in Liber 4947 Page 0271, Calhoun County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 47/100 DOLLARS ($81,424.47). Said premises are situated in the City of Battle Creek, County of Calhoun, State of Michigan, and are described as: The West 22 feet of Lot No. 169 and the East 22 feet of Lot No. 170 Meacham's Addition to Battle Creek, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 40 of Deeds, on Page 1, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Calhoun County, Michigan. Street Address: 174 Battle Creek Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan 49037 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: December 5, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 25 6832
(12-05)(12-26)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CALHOUN COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Calhoun County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 08, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Jim R Russell, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: May 25, 2007 Recorded on June 11, 2007, Liber 3278, on Page 284, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eleven and 10/100 Dollars ($73,411.10) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Calhoun County, and described as: Beginning 253 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 2 South, Range 4 West, Sheridan Township, Calhoun County, Michigan; thence West 180 feet to a point 2213.60 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 16; thence South 200 feet; thence East 180 feet; thence North to the place of beginning. Also, beginning 253 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 2 South, Range 4 West, Sheridan Township, Calhoun County, Michigan; thence West 180 feet, to a point 2213.60 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section 16, thence South 200 feet to the true place of beginning; thence South 75 feet; thence East 10 feet; thence South 125 feet; thence East 170 feet; thence North 200 feet; thence West 180 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 26412 H Drive N, Albion, MI 49224 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CALHOUN COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Calhoun County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 08, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Kobe B. Scears, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Fifth Third Bank, National Association Date of mortgage: September 18, 2024 Recorded on October 1, 2024, Liber 4856, on Page 812, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven and 84/100 Dollars ($126,967.84) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Calhoun County, and described as: LOT 106 OF THE PLAT OF FRANCES TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 11 OF PLATS ON PAGE 2, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Commonly known as 659 Stephanie St, Battle Creek, MI 49037 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CALHOUN COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Calhoun County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 08, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Landon Kahly, single man Original Mortgagee: GVC Mortgage, Inc. Date of mortgage: December 15, 2023 Recorded on December 28, 2023, Liber 4794, on Page 0879, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Five and 12/100 Dollars ($135,325.12) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Calhoun County, and described as: LOT 1, E.E. PRATT`S ADDITION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 9A OF PLATS, PAGE 37, CALHOUN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 1543 River Rd W, Battle Creek, MI 49037 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Donald V. Norton and Joyce M. Norton, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1
Date of Mortgage: October 13, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 1, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $108,703.97
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, and described as: THE EAST 1/2 OF LOTS 38 AND ALL OF LOTS 39 AND 40 OF OAKDALE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 6 OF PLATS, ON PAGE 9, IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
Common street address (if any): 277 Burnham St W, Battle Creek, MI 49015-2133
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 12, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement.

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ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 25-2959-CH
Hon. John A. Hallacy
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V
Christopher Stoneburner, et al.
THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon the defendant, Christopher Stoneburner cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
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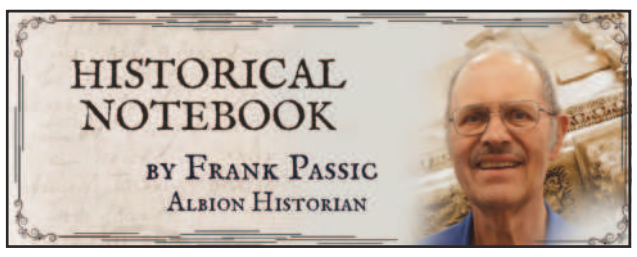

IT STILL MEANS MERRY CHRISTMAS

Back in 1955, the Albion Malleable Iron Company published an article in its December issue of the company magazine, the Circle-A-Tor, entitled "No Matter How You Say it, it Still Means Merry Christmas." The article, found on pages 4 and 5, featured eight of its immigrant workers explaining Christmas customs from various parts of the world. Here is that article, along with the photos of those featured.

"Wesolych Swiat. "John Kita [1888-1964] now retired from AMICO is Polish born, and remembers the pageants and Wigilja or Vigil dinners of the Christmas season. Frank Chehowski and his wife filled us in on the details of the Vigil dinner, when nine kinds of food, but no meat, were served on Christmas Eve as the high point of the Christmas celebration. The pageant took place on the "King's Day" on the last or 12th day of Christmas, January 6th."

"God Yul." Andy Blomquist [1891-1966] came to the United States in 1912, so his memories of Swedish Christmases are from his childhood. Andy told us that Yul Tumti visits each house on Christmas Eve, filling the stockings Swedish children leave fastened to the Christmas tree. Although he's supposed to come down the chimney, Andy reports never seeing him. Lutheran church services were always held at 5 a.m. Christmas morning in Sweden, with the gift exchange and Christmas dinner following.

"Frohe Wheinachten." Kurt Hanke has been in American only two years, so remembers Christmas in his native Germany very well. He told us that the religious significance of Christmas is still predominant in Germany. "The Christmas Man" visits each house on Christmas Eve with gifts for the children, and gifts are exchanged then, instead of Christmas morning. The tree in Germany is decorated with candy and chocolate and small gifts, which are taken by the children Christmas Eve.

"S Rozhdestv'om Hrist'ovim." Paul Sawchuk [1905-1991] sent us to see Father A. Diachenko [Note: priest of the local Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in Albion] for the story on Christmas in Russia. He told us of the three-day celebration. The Greek Orthodox Church is the guiding force behind the Christmas ceremonies in Russia, holding services on all three days, the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of December. Actually, the church observes the Julian calendar, and Christmas to it falls on January 7th.

Andy Blomquist

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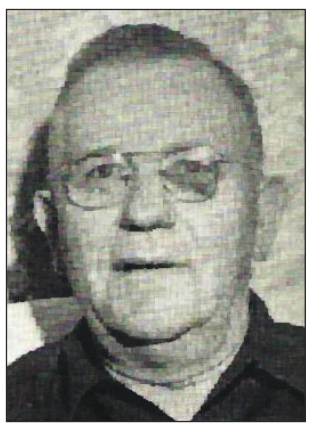
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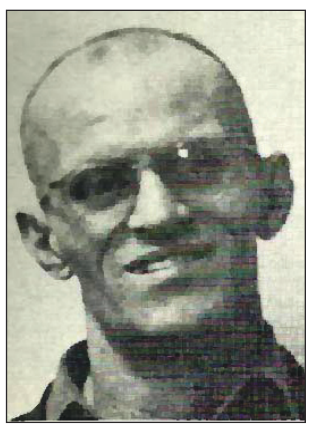
Louie Vafiadis

"Bono Natale." Jim Bommarito [1908-1966] remembers lean Christmases in Italy before his family came to the United States, but also remembers the traditional Christmas delicacies, homemade Italian sausages and special fruit pastries. For generations, Jim's family has made these things for Christmas dinner. Jim himself now is making about70 pounds of sausage for his far-flung family.

"Linksnu Svantu Kiledu." Vincas Simaskevicius [1920-1992] tells that the Lithuanian Christmas is very similar to ours, and almost exactly like that of Germany. All Liths are Roman Catholics, he reports, and attend Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Santa Claus, or Kiledu Senis makes his rounds on Christmas Eve, filling the stockings of the children with gifts.

"Kala Kristuyenna." Louie Vafiades [1910-1976] also came to the United States as a small boy. We did however find old and new Christmases in Greece very different. In the olden days there were not trees or gifts. Instead there were 40 days of fasting, then caroling and family dinners at Christmas. There is still a three-day Christmas season, but "Noel" brings gifts to the children, and Christmas trees are the rule.

"Felis Navidad." Porfeirio Ramos explained Mexican Christmas customs to us. He told us that in Mexico, Christmas is a celebration, with native dances, feasting, and costumes. The fire department of each city (a modern custom) distributes a sack of oranges, candy and cookies to the children, and families gather for the traditional roast pig dinner."

A very Merry Christmas to all my readers of this column. Sincerely, Frank Passic, Albion Historian.

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Swimming

Marshall edges two teams for swimming title

By JEFF STEERS
Contributing Writer

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The Marshall boys swim team celebrates their win

Marshall High School won the last event of the day to take the title at home Saturday.

The Redhawks edged Portage Northern and South Haven for the championship.

Here are swimming results from Marshall and Jackson from last week.

Marshall Invitational: The Redhawks edged Portage Northern and South Haven to win their own invitational last weekend. Ryan Robinson won the 200-yard freestyle (2:03) and second in the 100-yard freestyle (57.72) for Marshall. A.J. Coats won the 100-yard backstroke (1:03) and Marshall won the 400-meter freestyle relay (3:56) to earn the title with 58.6 points. Portage finished with 56.2 and South Haven 54.4 points.

Ann Arbor Huron 109, Jackson 67: Bryce Behncke was second in the 100-yard freestyle (53.18) and Logan Koszegi placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:08).

Jackson at Mason Invitational: Jackson High School won the invitational with 600 points Saturday. Logan Koszegi was the star for Jackson winning the 100-yard freestyle (53.1) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:06). Jackson swept the 200-yard freestyle as Dylan Mineweaser won the event (2:12), Colt Curry was second (2:13), and Ian Verbeke third (2:16).

Jackson at Holt: The Vikings finished second to Holt and defeated Easton Rapids at HHS. Wilson Sheldon won the 100-yard backstroke (1:07) and Joe Walraven was second (1:08) for Jackson. Logan Koszegi finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:05) for the Vikings.

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Competitive cheer

Hanover-Horton wins first conference jamboree

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Members of the Homer High School varsity competitive cheer team participate in the Cascades Conference jamboree at Vandercook Lake.

By JEFF STEERS
Contributing Writer

Hanover-Horton High School opened the Cascades Conference season with a jamboree win at Vandercook Lake

The Comets scored 712 for the three round – the first 700 score of the season.

Here are results from area competitive cheer teams.

CCCAM Invitational at DeWitt: Onsted finished fifth with 670 and Northwest ninth scoring 588 at DeWitt High School.

Concord Invitational: Addison finished third (619), Vandercook Lake was fourth (611), Homer finished sixth (560), and Concord was eighth (552) in the nine-team competition at Concord High School.

Napoleon at Novi CCCAM Invitational: Napoleon won the Division 4 competition with a score of 562.

Hillsdale Invitational: Onsted High School finished second (687) and Columbia Central placed fifth (613) at Hillsdale High School.

Cascades Jamboree at Vandercook Lake: Defending state champions Hanover-Horton won the event scoring 712. Michigan Center was second (672), Addison placed fourth (606), Columbia Central finished sixth (586), Vandercook Lake was seventh (553), Napoleon placed eighth (550), Homer took ninth place (544), and Grass Lake was 10th (524). This was the first Cascades Conference jamboree of the season.

Wrestling scores

By JEFF STEERS
Contributing Writer

Fowlerville Invitational: Springport finished second to St. Johns, Columbia Central was sixth, and Hanover-Horton was seventh. Blake Freeman of Springport defeated teammate Josh Jordan in the 106 pound weight class final; Mason Thurber of Springport won the 113 pound weight class; Shamus O'Hearon took the title for Springport at 120; Ethan Stahl of Springport was third and teammate Brody Birchfield placed fifth at 126 pounds; Max Videto of Columbia Central was fourth and Raymond Courter of Springport fifth at 132 pounds; A.J. Field er of Hanover-Horton defeated Elijah Losey of Columbia Central in the 138 pound weight class; Wyatt Burns of Springport defeated Hunter Czubachowski of CCHS in the 144 pound weight class and Collin Burkes of Homer was fourth; Andon Zienert of Springport was first and Alexander DuBois of Homer fourth at 150 pounds; Ethan Wilson of Homer finished fifth at 157 pounds; Tanner Severns of Springport was fourth at 165 pounds; Brayden Whittaker of Springport was second and Nick Thomas of Hanover-Horton fourth at 190 pounds; Austyn Hocter won the championship at 215 pounds; and Dylan Boone of Columbia Central was second and Reed Matthews of Hanover-Horton was sixth at 285 pounds.

Brighton Invitational: Northwest finished eighth and Napoleon was 10th at the team tournament at Brighton. The Mounties lost to St. Clair in the seventh-place match and DeWitt defeated Napoleon 60-17 in the ninth-place matchup. Northwest defeated Napoleon 47-22 in the opening match of the tournament. Parker Lindgren (138), Evan Beuerle (144), Jack Edwards (165), and Aidyn Williams (285) earned pins for the Mounties. Carson Warner (175), Zavior Skog (190), and Brady Warner (215) earned pins in the match for Napoleon.

Sand Creek Invitational: Jackson finished ninth, Vandercook Lake was 15th, and Concord 16th at Sand Creek. Antonia Parker of Jackson finished fourth at 106 pounds; Eden Nguyen of Jackson finished third at 120 pounds; and Jayden Roy of Jackson was third at 215 pounds.

Marshall at South Haven Invitational: Marshall High School went 3-2 on the day winning the fifth-place match against Bangor 64-18. Landon Vella (138), Reed Armbruster (144), Cayden Hardwick (215), Harland Begg (285), Abigail Judy (113), Dayne Rewa 9120), Brock Miller (126), and Talon Hartle (132) won by pins in the final match.

Allen Park Invitational (Girls): Grass Lake finished 18th in the Rumble in the Jungle Invitational at Allen Park Saturday. Ava Hall of Grass Lake finished third at 100 pounds at the invitational.

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Bowling

Napoleon earns first bowling win in four seasons

By JEFF STEERS
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The Napoleon High School girls bowling team earned its first win in four seasons last week.

The Pirates defeated Addison and then Vandercook Lake for a pair of wins.

Here are bowling scores from area teams.

BOYS BOWLING

Napoleon 29, Addison 1: Lukas Curylo finished with a 449 series to lead Napoleon to victory. Dylen Marsee rolled a 169 game for the Panthers.

Hastings 24, Northwest 6: Jake Brafford rolled a 197 game and Bode Rush a 178 for the Mounties.

Western 21, Coldwater 9: Western High School was victorious on the road in conference play.

Grass Lake 30, Columbia Central 0: Xander Wier and Ben Tippie rolled 184 games for Grass Lake in game one. Tippie finished with a 396 series. CCHS was led by Zach Schultz with a 183 game.

Vandercook Lake 20, Napoleon 10: Bruer Geiski led VCL with a 433 series.

Jonesville 28, Hanover-Horton 2: Carter Smith finished with a 209 game for Hanover-Horton. Jonesville rolled a 986 series in game one of the contest.

Homer 29, Columbia Central 1: Ethan Huff bowled a 187 game and Noah Coppernoll a 184 for Homer. Zach Schultz finished with a 348 series for CCHS.

Vandercook Lake 21, Michigan Center 9: Bruer Geiski finished with a 415 series and Dallas Swaenepoel threw a 249 game – 110 pins over his average.

Northwest 25, Western 5: Jake Brafford finished with a 425 series and Bode Rush rolled a 222 game. Ryker Pickell rolled a 212 game and Nolan Woodworth rolled a 178 game for Western.

GIRLS BOWLING

Napoleon 28, Addison 2: Napoleon earned its first win in four seasons with a victory at Hudson Lane Thursday. Jada Gallagher finished with a 171 game for the Pirates. Sierra Kelder tallied a 97 game for the Panthers.

Northwest 30, Hastings 0: Emily Cutler finished with a 343 series and Casey Jahr added a 330 series for Northwest.

Coldwater 24, Western 6: The Panthers lost on the road in Interstate Eight Conference play.

Grass Lake 29, Columbia Central 1: Marielle Schafran finished with games of 226 and 193 for the Warriors. Madison Busch also rolled a 180 game for Grass Lake. Alexis Henry rolled a 211 and Kayleigh Molnar a 188 in game two for CCHS.

Napoleon 17, Vandercook Lake 13: Jada Gallagher finished with a 409 series to lead Napoleon. Allison Hunt led VCL with a 256 series.

Jonesville 28, Hanover-Horton 2: Brooke Hadley finished with a 318 series for Hanover-Horton. Grace Maddon led all scorers with a 199 for JHS.

Homer 27.5, Columbia Central 2.5: Alexis Henry finished with a 234 game and Kayleigha Molnar added a 170 game. Calli Patrick bowled a 195 game for Homer.

Michigan Center 23, Vandercook Lake 7: Alyssa Jones finished with a 289 series for VCL.

Northwest 29, Western 1: Casey Jahr rolled a 212 game and Avery Sitko finished with a 354 series for Northwest. Kaileigh Stiles rolled a 351 series for Western.

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Casey Jahr led Northwest High School to a pair of wins in bowling this past week.

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Basketball

Concord improves to 6-0 with rivalry win

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Concord High School improved to 6-0 with a rivalry win over Hanover-Horton last week.

The Yellow Jackets defeated the Comets 49-36 on the road Monday.

Here are scores from area basketball teams.

Lumen Christi 76, Gabriel Richard 51: The Titans scored 27 points in the first eight minutes of action on the road Wednesday. Ashton Callan scored 19 points and dished 12 assists to lead LCCHS. Jonathan Morgan also scored 19 points and Broden Burgess finished with nine points, five rebounds, and five assists for the Titans (2-0).

Litchfield 35, Jackson Christian 20: Jackson Christian lost in a low-scoring game on the road Thursday night. Jayden Schnitkey scored 10 points and David Rogers added eight rebounds for the Royals.

Jackson Prep 60, Athens Factoryville 29: Jackson Prep earned a home win Thursday night.

Brighton Livingston 69, Jackson Christian 28: The Royals lost in non-conference action Saturday at home. David Rogers scored 10 points and Kyler Coons added seven points and 11 rebounds for the Royals.

Lumen Christi 85, Lutheran North 43: The score was close in the first quarter until the Titans' second unit outscored Lutheran North 17-2. Ashton Callan led Lumen Christi with 23 points, Wes Learned added 14 points, and Broden Burgess tallied 13 in the home win.

Marshall 64, Michigan Center 50: Clark Erwin scored 26 points and recorded four steals to lead Marshall. Lincoln Fuller added 16 points and Lee Hall scored 11 points for the Redhawks (4-0). "Playing back-to-back nights is tough … I am proud of how hard the guys played today against a very good Michigan Center team," MHS coach Anthony Miller said. Haydin Hinkle and Travis Collins scored 14 points apiece for Michigan Center (2-1).

Columbia Central 82, Addison 38: Columbia Central was led by David Munro with 20 points, Elias Losey tallied 18 points, and Jonas Maki finished with 13 points. Quincy Smith was the leading scorer for Addison with 24 points.

East Jackson 72, Grass Lake 45: K.J. Olivier scored 17 points, EJohn Dougherty finished with 15 points, and Landin Hendricks tallied eight points and seven rebounds for the Trojans. Braden Snyr scored 13 points and Connor Sherwood added 12 points for GLHS.

Michigan Center 72, Napoleon 46: Hadyn Hinkle led three players in double digits with 15 points for Michigan Center. Tre Collins scored 13 points and Miles Finch finished with 11 points for the Cardinals. Michigan Center had two big quarters scoring 26 points in the first half – including a 19-0 start to the game – and 23 points in the third quarter. Tyler Nall finished with 13 points and seven rebounds and Gavin Davis scored 11 points for Napoleon.

Jonesville 87, Vandercook Lake 44: Jonesville is 3-0 on the season while VCL falls to 1-4.

Concord 53, Bronson 51: Concord is now 5-0 following the Big Eight Conference win. Brady Garrett scored 21 points on seven 3-point shots and Darrell Dean Jr. added 16 points for the Yellow Jackets.

Hanover-Horton 85, Homer 72: Four players scored in double digits led by Brody Bially with 33 points. Hanover-Horton earned its first win of the season. Kooper Mannin scored 24 points and Brock Butler added 15 points for Homer. "We scored enough to win the game tonight but we were not physical enough defensively and let them score 85 points," Homer Coach Ryan Mulnix said.

Jackson 60, Tecumseh 47: The Vikings improved to 3-0 on the season with the home win. Four players scored in double digits as Jaiden Ramirez scored 19 points, Berkley Drummond added 14 points, Tre Pierce tallied 11 points, and Jaydon Ross finished with 10 points for Jackson.

Photo by Jeff Steers

Ashton Callan (10) of Lumen Christi Catholic High School scored 19 points and dished 12 assists in a win against Gabriel Richard.

Harper Creek 53, Northwest 46: Northwest High School is 2-2 overall following the Interstate Eight Conference loss at Harper Creek.

Stockbridge 48, Springport 34: The Spartans are now 3-2 on the season following the home loss in Big Eight Conference play.

Marshall 56, Coldwater 44: Marshall is 3-0 on the season with the road win in Interstate Eight Conference play. Four players scored in double digits as Clark Erwin and Lincoln Fuller both scored 15 points, Lee Hall tallied 12 points, and Matthew Waldo scored 11 points. "Tonight was about our defense on the road," Coach Anthony Miller said. "I felt we put some pressure on them and forced many turnovers."

Waldron 67, Tekonsha 6: The Indians struggled to score in the home loss Friday night.

Marshall Academy 88, Kalamazoo Path 30: Marshall Academy improves to 3-0 with another lopsided win in boys basketball.

Napoleon 55, Quincy 38: The Pirates earn its first win of the season with a home victory. Three players scored in double digits for the Pirates as Tyler Nall scored 18 points and created four steals, Gavin Davis had a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Brady McLain added 10 points.

Concord 49. Hanover-Horton 36: Concord improved to 6-0 with a rivalry win over Hanover-Horton on the road Monday. Jett Smith scored 20 of his team-high 27 points in the second half. Darrell Dean Jr. added 10 points and Connor Stevens finished with 21 rebounds for the Yellow Jackets.

Waldron 61, Jackson Christian 16: The Royals are 0-7 following the road loss Monday night.

Michigan Center 56, Columbia Central 52: The Cardinals earn a come-from-behind win at home in Cascades Conference action. Michigan Center outscored CCHS 33-22 in the second half. Jayden Watson scored 16 points and produced 17 rebounds, Hadyn Hinkle added 14 points and pulled down 16 rebounds, and Travis Collins tallied 13 points for MCHS. David Munro scored 20 points and Logan Schiel finished with 16 points for CCHS.

Homer 74, East Jackson 49: Brock Butler scored 14 points, Wyatt Winchell tallied 12 points, and Alex Benoodt finished with 10 points for Homer. Kooper Manning finished with 12 rebounds and Winchell dished six assists in the contest for HHS.

Homer 62, Grass Lake 56: The two teams were tied at 32-all at halftime.

Braden Snyr finished with 18 points shooting 70 percent for the night for Grass Lake. Kooper Manning finished with 14 points, Manning Mulnix added 14 points, and Alex Benoodt added 11 points for Homer.

Detroit Loyola 56, Lumen Christi 45: The Tians lost its first game of the season at home Tuesday.

Northwest 85, Mason 78 (OT): Northwest High School improved to 3-2 with the home win. Roe Dedeaux scored 33 points and Markese Williams finished with 22 points for Northwest.

Coldwater 59, Western 36: Western High School lost at home in conference play. Chance Pangborn finished with 13 points for the Panthers and Brody Parrott and Jayden Willis added six points apiece.

Pennfield 62, Marshall 46: Marshall lost its first game of the season. Matthew Waito finished with 11 points and Lincoln Fuller added 10 points. Clark Erwin and Lee Hall each grabbed 10 rebounds for Marshall in the loss.

North Adams 67, Tekonsha 21: The Indians fell at home in basketball action Tuesday night.

Hockey scores

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Hudsonville 4, Jackson United 3 (OT): Jackson United won in overtime Friday but lost by the same method Saturday. Brennan Forward, Hayden Haynes, and Jackson Ziebell scored for JU. Jackson outshot Hudsonville 32-14 in the contest.

Lumen Christi 9, Allen Park 0: Maden Brady scored four goals for Lumen Christi in the two-period game. Michael Palmer earned the shutout in goal for LCCHS.

Jackson United 4, Bay City 3 (OT): Bentley Paquin scored the winning goal for JU in a three-player shootout. He scored two goals in the contest, and Peyton Paquin and Alex Chappell also scored for Jackson. Jonah Hughes earned the win in goal with 15 saves.

University Liggett 6, Lumen Christi 2: UL scored four times in the first period against Lumen Christi. Brogan Kelly and Jack Evans scored goals for LCCHS.

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Girls Basketball

Hanover-Horton improves to 4-0 in girls basketball

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Columbia Central 82, Addison 1: It was blowout city in the Cascades Conference Thursday night.

Grass Lake 70, East Jackson 8: The Warriors improve to 2-0 after a big win over the Trojans in Cascades Conference action.

Michigan Center 58, Napoleon 6: The game was tied at 2-all midway through the first quarter before the Cardinals went on a 56-4 run to close out the road game.

Jonesville 80, Vandercook Lake 15: The Jayhawks lost on the road in Cascades Conference action. Jonesville had five players in double figures as Bryn Rusk finished with 16 points.

Hanover-Horton 42, Homer 34: Maggie Sopher finished with 14 points and nine rebounds and Molly Soper added 13 points for the Comets. Alivia Warner finished with 20 points and seven rebounds for Homer.

Hudson 52, Jackson Prep 44: Jackson Prep lost on the road in non-conference action.

Jackson Christian 63, Litchfield 18: The Royals won on the road in basketball action Thursday night.

Springport 57, Hillsdale 36: The Spartans improved to 2-1 on the season with the victory.

Rockford 79, Grass Lake 46: The Warriors moved up a couple of divisions and were defeated in basketball action Saturday.

Union City 52, Napoleon 29: Napoleon freshman Claire Beer scored a career-high 11 points for the Pirates.

Hanover-Horton 67, Montrose 25: The Comets won at Albion College as part of a Carl E. Lee Tournament. Halee Krage scored 13 points, Maggie Soper tallied 12 points and Lila Hamisfar added 10 points and six steals for the Comets. Hanover-Horton exploded for 28 points in the second quarter blowing open a close contest.

Jackson Christian 47, Brighton Livingston 22: The Royals won at home in non-conference play Saturday. Rennie Huff scored 18 points, pulled down 15 rebounds, and created seven steals for the Royals. Ella Boll tallied 11 points and 11 rebounds and Abbie Huff finished with six points and six steals for JCHS.

Redford Prep 59, Jackson 35: The Vikings lost in non-conference play Saturday.

Lumen Christi 68, Plymouth Salem 37: The Titans defeated Plymouth as part of the Belleville Showcase Saturday. Kenna Hunt scored 21 points, Lucy Wrozek finished with 17 points, and Erin O'Dowd scored 15 points to pace the Titans.

Michigan Center 64, Marshall 58: Mayrese Vieau scored 23 points and dished three assists to pace the Cardinals. Kara Straub added 13 points and six rebounds and McKynley Gadded added 10 points and seven assists for MCHS.

Northwest 47, Harper Creek 25: The Mounties are now 2-0 on the season following the road win. Northwest outscored Harper Creek 38-12 in the second half. Shannon Christner led NWHS with 13 points and 10 rebounds and Malena Herrera added 10 points for the Mounties.

Western 69, Pennfield 21: Western improved to 1-1 with the Interstate Eight Conference win on the road Friday.

Coldwater 47, Marshall 40: Ally Koenig scored 17 points and Lola Saber added seven points for Marshall.

Columbia Central 37, Blissfield 28: Columbia Central was led by Gabby Gaydosh with 22 points.

Climax-Scotts 44, Jackson Christian 35: The Royals led by one point at halftime but could not hold off Climax-Scotts. Rennie Huff finished with 18 points, Gabrielle Guerreri added five points and Braelyn Rubley snagged nine rebounds for Jackson Christian.

Factoryville Christian 34, Tekonsha 33: Angel Veenkant scored 19 points and pulled down five rebounds for Tekonsha.

Michigan Center 53, Columbia Central 39: Mayrese Vieau led MCHS with 15 points and five steals. McKynley Gaddy scored 12 points including seen free throws in the fourth quarter for MC (3-1 overall, 2-0 Cascades Conference).

Grass Lake 78, Homer 36: Ellerie Kissinger scored 10 points and pulled down six rebounds for Homer. Grass Lake improved to 3-1 overall with the victory. Reese Lape finished with 20 points for Grass Lake.

East Jackson 69, Vandercook Lake 15: Kolee Sajdak finished with 23 points and eight rebounds and Khloee Gettings scored 17 points and dished six assists for EJHS.

Concord 81, Quincy 47: Cieara Barrett scored 31 points, Bradie Lehman added 20 points, and Haley Stimer added 11 points for Concord (1-1).

Hanover-Horton 47, Leslie 26: Hanover-Horton improves to 4-0 with the Cascades Conference victory. Molly Soper finished with 12 points and Aly Stroede tallied 11 points for HHHS.

Jackson 44, Everett 7: Jackson High School improved to 2-1 with the home non-conference win. Eleven players scored for Jackson as Kialye Harrell scored 12 points and Jeniya Graham added 10 points. The Vikings jumped out to a 20-0 first quarter lead. Everett is coached by former Concord girls basketball coach ArShawn Parker.

Mason 36, Northwest 31: The Mounties lost its first basketball game of the season.

Western 60, Coldwater 46: The Panthers won on the road in Interstate Eight Conference honors. Aubree Allen grabbed 26 rebounds for Western – tying a school record.

Marshall 52, B.C. Pennfield 32: Marshall evens its record at 2-2 with the Interstate Eight Conference victory.

Photo by Jeff Steers
Jackson Christian High School basketball player Rennie Huff scored 18 points in a loss to Climax-Scotts Monday.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Tabby is a female, four year old brown tabby that is about 5 lbs. She came in as a stray and is so happy to have a warm spot and food. Tabby has a noticable scratch that is on her nose, but it appears to be healing. She is a friendly girl but a little nervous about all the new sights, sounds and smells at the shelter. Tabby is fond of treats and visitors, come meet this pretty girl with big gold eyes today.

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